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Location and Identification of Clandestine W/T Activity

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, PLANS/OSO, dated 16 August 1951

- 1. In the above reference, the Chief, PLANS/OSO requested information on a simple device which would indicate the presence of a nearby clandestine radio transmitter.
- 2. A review of existing equipment and practices indicates that no simple device exists which will indicate the presence of, and identify as such, the signal of a clandestine radio telegraph transmitter.
- 3. Other than DF equipment, there is one unit which may be used as an aid in the detection of such transmitters. This unit, an aperiodic receiver, is a very broadly tuned receiver which will accept and amplify signals over a wide frequency spectrum. This receiver may be used in the suspected area and adjusted to discriminate against all signals below a pro-determined level. However, any signal, regardless of the source, above this level will be reproduced which necessitates further analysis before it can be determined that the suspected transmitter was heard.
- is. Your request for a determination of the technical feasibility of developing equipment of this type has been given to the Electronic Development Section.

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